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SUBJECT: HEAD OF DR DELEGATION COMMENTS ON GEPLACEA MEETING  
IN HAVANA

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 688 (NOTAL)

1. QUIRILIO VILORIO, DIRECTOR OF THE DOMINICAN SUGAR INSTITUTE (INAZUCAR), EXPRESSED PUBLICLY UPON RETURN FROM CUBA HIS SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF GEPLACEA MEETING IN HAVANA. A PRESS RELEASE AUTHORIZED BY THE DOMINICAN DELEGATION STATED THAT THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES AGREED THAT ANY MINIMUM PRICE ESTABLISHED FOR SUGAR SHOULD NOT ONLY PERMIT RECOVERY OF COSTS, BUT ALSO ALLOW FOR A PROFIT LARGE ENOUGH TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF GEPLACEA COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, THE STATEMENT CONTINUED, THE COUNTRIES TAKE THE POSITION THAT THE REGULATING MARKET MECHANISM IN ANY NEW AGREEMENT SIGNED IN GENEVA SHOULD BE AN EXPORT QUOTA SYSTEM.

2. IN MEETING WITH EMBOFF, VILORIO ELABORATED ON SOMEWHAT  
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GENERAL PRESS RELEASE. HE STATED THAT COUNTRIES HAD AGREED TO SUGGEST 15 CENTS A POUND GUIDELINE PRICE. THE QUOTA MECHANISM WOULD BE USED TO KEEP THE PRICE OF SUGAR FROM DRIFTING TOO FAR FROM THE GUIDELINE PRICE. IF PRICE DROPPED, COUNTRY QUOTAS WOULD CONTRACT; IF PRICE ROSE, QUOTAS WOULD EXPAND. NO FLOOR OR CEILING PRICES WERE SET, BUT INTENTION WOULD BE TO KEEP RISE TO MAXIMUM OF APPROXIMATELY 100 PERCENT. DR POSITION IS THAT

QUOTA SHOULD BE BASED PRIMARILY ON PAST PRODUCTION PERFORMANCE.

3. THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES WOULD LIKE TO SIGN A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT AND GUIDELINE PRICE WOULD HOPEFULLY, ACCORDING TO VILORIO, BE REVIEWED AFTER THREE YEARS FOR POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT DUE TO CONSUMER COUNTRIES' INFLATION RATES.

4. AMONG MINOR TOPICS CONSIDERED WAS CANE SMUT VIRUS NOW ATTACKING SOME JAMAICAN PLANTATIONS. VILORIO SAID THAT NO TREATMENT YET EXISTS FOR THE PROBLEM, BUT IT HAD BEEN NOTED THAT SOME STRAINS ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE THAN OTHERS. HE MENTIONED THAT CANE TYPES CALLED P.R. 980 AND P.R. 1000 HAD BEEN ATTACKED. CURRENT SOLUTION, WHICH APPEARS SATISFACTORY IF TIME-CONSUMING, IS REPLACEMENT OF AFFECTED STRAINS WITH MORE RESISTANT TYPES SUCH AS BARBADOS VARIETIES. VILORIO SAID NO RPT NO SMUT HAS YET APPEARED IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, BUT BOTH SUSCEPTIBLE P.R. TYPES AND RESISTANT BARBADOS VARIETIES ARE USED IN PLANTING HERE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, VILORIO NOTED THAT CUBAN DELEGATION PARTICIPATED MINIMALLY IN MEETING, GENERALLY LIMITING ITSELF TO RATIFICATION OF POSITIONS DECIDED BY ASSEMBLY.

6. DOMINICAN DELEGATION INCLUDED VILORIO; FEDERICO ECHENIQUE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF INAZUCAR; ALFREDO RICART, DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR TO LONDON; CARLOS MORALES TRONCOSO, GULF & WESTERN; LUIS MORALES GARRIDO, STATE SUGAR COUNCIL (CEA); ELIZARDO DICKSON, VICINI; AND VICTOR ESPAILLAT, A SANTIAGO BUSINESSMAN.  
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